



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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which is described and claimed in PCT International Application PCT/GB/ 00/04535, filed 28 NOVEMBER 2000,

the specification of which

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one)

           was filed on                      as Application Serial  
No.                      and was amended on                      (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

			Priority Claimed
<u>SV 99A 000 038</u>	<u>ITALY</u>	<u>1 DECEMBER 1999</u>	<u>  X  </u>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/month/Year Filed)	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States applications listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose

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material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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(Application Serial No.)

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(Filing Date)

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(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

And I hereby appoint Robert V. Jambor, Registration No. 23,080, Li-Chung Daniel Ho, Reg. No. 41,837, Robert L. Wanke, Reg. No. 22,725, Stanley A. Schlitter, Reg. No. 28,799, Eric H. Weimers, Reg. No. 33,048, Patrick L. Patras, Reg. No. 37,695, Mark P. Vrla, Reg. No. 43,973, Joseph F. Marinelli, Reg. No. 46,898, Joseph T. Miotke, Reg. No. 47,798, Steven M. Zeller, Reg. No. 48,060 and Stephen M. Geissler, Reg. No. P48,827 my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, PAOLO BALBI,  
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PIERLUIGI PICCO, residing at 1-16036 RECCO, Piazzale Olimpia 36/15, Genova,  
Italy, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS"), have invented certain new and useful  
improvements in:

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a disclosure of which is contained in an application for Letters Patent of the United States  
executed by me on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, TI GROUP AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS LIMITED  
a corporation organized and existing under the laws of ENGLAND  
having its principal office and place of business at LAMBOURN COURT, ABINGDON,  
OXFORDSHIRE OX 14 1 UH, UNITED KINGDOM

(hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and  
interest in, to and under said invention, in, to and under the application above identified, and in,  
to and under any Letters Patent which may issue from said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Be it known that  
for valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by ASSIGNORS from  
ASSIGNEE is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS have agreed to and hereby sell, convey,  
assign, transfer, and deliver unto ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in, to and under:  
the above-identified invention; the above-identified application for Letters Patent to be filed  
therefor; any Letters Patent obtained in respect thereof; and any reissues, extensions,

confirmations, divisions, and continuations of any of the foregoing (hereinafter referred to as "Invention Rights") to have and to hold for the use and benefit of ASSIGNEE forever.

ASSIGNORS hereby covenant and agree, for themselves and for their legal representatives, to assist and co-operate with ASSIGNEE in the preparation and prosecution of any application included within the Invention Rights and in the prosecution or defense of any interference, opposition, or other proceeding that may arise in connection with any applications or Letters Patent included within the Invention Rights and further to have executed and delivered to ASSIGNEE any and all additional papers that may be requested by ASSIGNEE for the purpose of implementing the terms of this Assignment.

ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and empower ASSIGNEE to invoke and claim for any application or Letters Patents included within the Invention Rights the benefit of any rights to which ASSIGNORS might be entitled under International Law or under the laws of any particular country (such as, without limitation, the rights of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended) and to invoke and claim such rights without further written or oral authorization from ASSIGNORS.

ASSIGNORS hereby consent that a copy of this Assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file, or like document that may be required in any particular country for any purpose and, more particularly, as proof of the right of ASSIGNEE to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended.

ASSIGNORS covenant and agree that this Assignment and all of the terms hereof shall inure to the benefit of the successors, assigns, legal representatives, or nominees of ASSIGNEE, without further written or oral authorization from ASSIGNORS.

ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the Patent Office to issue Letters Patents to ASSIGNEE in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

ASSIGNORS hereby authorize ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives to insert in this Assignment document the Serial Number and filing date received from the United States Patent Office for the above-identified application.


Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ASSIGNORS have caused this Assignment to be properly executed and delivered as of the date(s) Indicated below.

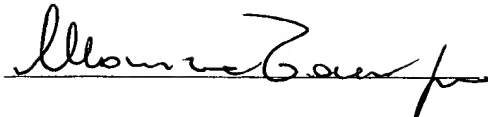
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